

FY 2002

Governor's Supplemental

The Governor's supplemental budget recommends \$71,468,595 in revised FY 2002 expenditures, a decrease of \$185,440 from the enacted level of \$71,654,035. This includes increases of \$469,387 in general revenues and \$972,961 in federal funds offset by decreases of \$159,718 in restricted receipts and \$1,468,070 in RI Capital Funds.

General Revenue

The Bureau of Policy & Administration has a net increase of \$690,889 due to the reappropriation of \$623,257 for Permit Streamlining and \$266,997 for the increase in the property tax at the Foundry Complex. Reductions include \$90,558 in additional turnover within Legal Services, Planning & Development, and Criminal Investigation.

The Bureau of Natural Resources has a net increase of \$11,377 which includes an additional \$135,600 for host community beach fee revenue sharing and \$37,873 for seasonal positions within the Division of Parks & Recreation. Reductions include \$84,883 in additional turnover within the Associate Director's Office, Parks & Recreation, Agriculture and Enforcement.

The Bureau of Environmental Protection has a net decrease of \$232,879 due to a reduction in consultant services, increased offsets to federal programs and \$146,879 in additional turnover in Air, Water, Technical & Customer Assistance and Compliance & Inspection.

Turnover

The Department's revised request assumed 22.0 FTE positions, or 3.8% be held vacant. The Governor's supplemental increases turnover to 26.1 FTE positions at 4.5% turnover.

Federal

The majority of the \$972,961 increase in federal funds is due to two additional federal grants within the Bureau of Natural Resources; \$300,000 for a Boating Infrastructure grant, and \$450,000 for several grants within the Division of Agriculture for programs such as farm viability and risk management education.

RI Capital Fund

The Governor's supplemental budget puts a number of projects on hold

- \$440,820 is reduced from the Recreation Facilities Improvement leaving \$75,000
Reductions include Lincoln Woods Bridge replacement; the jetty at Salter's Grove, and the start of Snake Den State Park.
- \$50,000 is reduced for the design of the renovation of the Wickford Marine Base.
- \$940,842 is reduced from the Galilee Piers projects, leaving \$328,001 to finish the West Bulkhead.

Governor's Recommended FY 2003 Budget

The Governor's FY 2003 Budget for the Department of Environmental Management includes \$73,061,347, an increase of \$1,592,752 over the revised FY 2002 budget. This includes an increase of \$1,963,046 in general revenues, an increase of \$86,299 in federal funds, and an increase of \$2,659,379 in restricted receipts. RI Capital Funds are reduced by \$3,121,241.

General Revenue

Policy & Administration has a net increase of \$85,581. The Bureau of Natural Resources has a net increase of \$653,702. Increases include \$407,439 in the Division of Parks & Recreation for insurance, automobile leases and adjustments to salary and benefit categories. The Division of Enforcement has an increase of \$158,085 over the 2002 revised budget for adjustments in salaries and benefits. The elimination of the Integrated Pest Management Program in the Division of Agriculture is reduced for a saving of \$104,000. The Bureau of Environmental Protection has a net increase of \$1,223,763, of which \$1,020,315 is for the state match to begin the cleanup of the Rose Hill landfill. The Pollution Prevention Program is cut in half to \$65,000 in the Office of Technical & Customer Assistance.

Turnover

The FY 2003 budget assumes a turnover rate of 3.5%, which translates to leaving 24.0 FTE positions vacant. This is a reduction from the 2002 revised numbers of 26.1 FTE positions or 4.5%.

Restricted Receipts

The Governor is proposing an increase in several fees, as well as several new fees. Within the Bureau of Natural Resources, the Governor proposes an increase to the daily parking fees at the seven State beaches, increase in the camping fees, and an increase in the golf fees at Goddard Park. These fees have not been increased in ten years, and, in reviewing neighboring states and municipalities, these increases bring us in line. The Governor has also proposed an increase in the hunting and fishing licenses. This will have a direct impact on the recreational community, providing approximately \$300,000 in new monies for the operation of wildlife management areas and fishing areas.

The Governor is also proposing the increase of fees for Underground Storage Tanks (UST) from \$50 to \$75 per year. The increase will provide additional funds to help support the regulation of these tanks and maintain the program staffing at current levels. Also proposed is a more progressive fee schedule for transfer stations and landfills. The proposal is based on the level of effort required to effectively regulate facilities. Again, the increase is meant to support the regulation of these facilities and maintain the program staffing at current levels.

The Governor is also proposing the establishment of a fee for companies that generate hazardous waste. The fee is based on the amount of pounds of hazardous waste generated per year. Please be aware that approximately 1,700 hazardous waste generators will not be subject to a fee since they generate less than 2,000 pounds per year.

RI Capital Funds

The Governor proposes the reduction of \$1.5M in construction projects; many postponed until FY 2004. Projects recommended are Fort Adams, state-owned dams and a scaled-down continuation of Galilee Piers. Several projects are proposed to be continued using federal funds including the Great Swamp Management Area and Boyd's Marsh.

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Proposed Revenue Enhancement for Fiscal Year 2003
Establishment of Fee on the Generation of Hazardous Waste

Roughly three thousand companies regularly generate hazardous waste in Rhode Island. Hazardous wastes may include toxic substances, corrosive materials, flammable materials, and various other chemicals and chemical by-products. Companies that generate hazardous waste range from the major manufacturers and chemical companies to the corner dry cleaner and automobile repair facility. If not managed properly, hazardous wastes can seriously affect our environment and threaten the health of our communities.

Based on data from calendar year 1999, there are 1272 companies generating more than one ton of hazardous waste per year. Those 1272 companies generated a total of 357,193,738 pounds of hazardous waste in 1999 alone. The Department is proposing to establish a fee schedule for those companies that generate more than one ton of hazardous waste per year. Approximately 1700 hazardous waste generators will not be subject to these fees since they generate less than 2000 pounds per year.

This fee schedule has two positive aspects. First, it funds the programs that the state has established to protect the environment and prevent pollution. Second, it creates an economic incentive for companies to minimize the amount of hazardous waste they generate. Hazardous waste can be minimized by re-engineering manufacturing processes and by substituting less harmful materials in those processes.

Revenue Enhancement	Impacted Parties	New York Approach	Connecticut Approach	New Hampshire Approach
Institute a fee of \$1500 for companies that generate more than 1 million pounds of hazardous waste per year	27 Companies	Companies over 2,000,000 lbs/yr pay \$40,000	All companies pay \$0.04 per gallon	All companies pay \$0.03 per pound
		Companies between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 lbs/yr pay \$20,000		
Institute a fee of \$1050 for companies that generate between 100,000 and 999,999 pounds of hazardous waste per year	121 Companies	Companies between 200,000 and 1,000,000 lbs/yr pay \$6,000		
		Companies between 30,000 and 200,000 lbs/yr pay \$1,000		
Institute a fee of \$700 for companies that generate between 10,000 and 99,999 pounds of hazardous waste per year	462 Companies	No fee assessed at less than 30,000 lbs/yr.		
Institute a fee of \$300 for companies that generate between 2,000 and 9,999 pounds of hazardous waste per year	662 Companies			
Total Revenue that would be generated from Rhode Island companies in each model	\$700,000	\$1,705,000	\$1,711,108	\$10,715,812

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Proposed Revenue Enhancement for Fiscal Year 2003
Increased Fees on the Management of Underground Storage Tanks and Solid Waste Management Facilities

UST: There are approximately two thousand two hundred and forty registered Underground Storage Tanks in Rhode Island. Most of these tanks have been updated since the federally mandated deadline for corrosion protection passed in December of 1998. However the new tank systems are more complex to operate and maintain. Most underground storage tanks are used for the storage and distribution of gasoline and other petroleum-based fuels. Leaks and failures of underground tanks can impacts water supplies, wells, and homes. This fee increase is meant to support the regulation of these tanks and maintain the program staffing at current levels.

Solid Waste: In Rhode Island, most of the solid waste is managed through a network of transfer stations and is sent for disposal at the Central Landfill. Based on data from calendar year 2000 and our review of the operations of these facilities, DEM considers 15 of these facilities to be major, complex waste solid waste management operations. These fifteen facilities have historically required the greatest level of oversight and highest commitment of resources. Oversight includes investigation of odors, improper operation, and illegal disposal practices. DEM is proposing a more progressive fee schedule to assess fees based on the level of effort required to effectively regulate these major facilities, rather than a flat fee for the renewal of the facility license. DEM does not think it is necessary to increase the fees (currently assessed for renewal of the license at \$3,000 for 3 years) assessed to the 15 smaller municipal transfer stations but recommends that this schedule be normalized to \$1000/year. These fee increases are meant to support the regulation of these facilities and maintain the program staffing at current levels

Action	Increased Revenue	Impacted Facilities
Raise UST Registration fees from \$50/year to \$75/year	\$56,000	Owners and Operators of 2,240 underground storage tanks
Increase fees for transfer stations and C & D processing facilities handling from 50 tons to 250 tons per day from \$3000/3 yrs to \$10,000/yr.	\$54,000	6-Pond View, Bristol, Westerly, Waste Management-Newport, South Kingstown, BFI
Increase fees for transfer stations and C & D processing facilities handling from 250 tons to 500 tons per day from \$3000/3 yrs to \$15,000/yr.	\$14,000	1- RI Resource Recovery Corporation [American Disposal] (Cranston)
Increase fees for transfer stations and C & D processing facilities handling over 500 tons per day from \$3000/3 yrs. to \$20,000/yr.	\$76,000	4-Blackstone Valley Regional, Waste Management -Cranston, Waste Management-Warwick, New England Ecological Development
Landfill Oversight fee established for landfills greater than 250 tons/day--\$60,000/yr	\$60,000	RI Resource Recovery Corporation
Landfill Oversight fee established for landfills less than 250 tons/day--\$20,000/yr	\$40,000	\$20,000 each to be assessed to Bristol and Tiverton
Petroleum Contaminated soil processing facility oversight established-\$3,000/yr	\$3,000	\$3,000 to be assessed to D'Ambra Construction

Fact Sheet
Division of Parks & recreation
Goddard Park Golf Fees

Current

Goddard Park golf course is a nine-hole course where approximately 50,000 rounds of golf are played each season. Included in the 50,000 are 2,907 free rounds that are allowed for 100% disabled and RIPAE participants. Course is open April 1st through November. Collections last season totaled \$255,101. **Fees were last increased in May 1991.**

Division of Parks & Recreation Goddard Park Golf Fees						
Fee Description	Current		Proposed		Increase	
	Weekday	Weekend	Weekday	Weekend	Weekday	Weekend
Per Round	\$6	\$8	\$12	\$14	\$6	\$6
Senior per Round	\$3	\$4	\$6	\$7	\$3	\$3

Total enhancement \$225,000

Comparison

Facility	Weekday	Weekend
State of RI (proposed)	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.00
Cranston (9 holes)	\$ 23.00	\$ 25.00
Foster (9 holes)	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00
Jamestown (9 holes)	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00
Laurel Lane (9 holes)	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
*no reduction for seniors		

Fact Sheet
Division of Parks & Recreation
Beach Fees

Current

Parking fees are collected at seven facilities across the state. The facilities include Charlestown, East Matunuck, Misquamicut, Ninigret, Salty Brine, Roger Wheeler, and Scarborough. Daily fees are shared with the host communities, 40 percent to the community, and 60 percent to the general fund. Fees are set through rules and regulation. **Fees were last increased in May 1991.**

Division of Parks & Recreation Beach Fees									
Fee Description	Current			Proposed			Increase		
	Weekday	Weekend	Season Pass	Weekday	Weekend	Season Pass	Weekday	Weekend	Season Pass
Resident	\$4	\$5	\$25	\$6	\$7	\$30	\$2	\$2	\$5
Senior Resident	\$2	\$2.50	\$12.50	\$3	\$3.50	\$15	\$1	\$1	\$2.50
Non-Resident	\$8	\$10	\$50	\$12	\$14	\$60	\$4	\$4	\$10
Senior Non-Res.	\$4	\$5	\$25	\$6	\$7	\$30	\$2	\$2	\$5

The fee increase is estimated to generate an additional \$140,881, of which \$43,062 is estimated to go to the host communities this fiscal year (May & June). The increase is estimated to generate an additional \$441,456 for FY 2003, of which \$60,112 is estimated to go to the host communities. These estimates are based on the average of the last three summer seasons.

The Governor recommends a statutory change to limit the host communities payments to reflect the current law, thereby reserving all revenue enhancements to the general fund. Collections for the summer of 2001 were \$1,709,420, of which \$514,615 went to the four host communities, i.e., Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown and Narragansett.

No fee shall be charged for RIPAE participants as well as persons with a disability.

Comparison Fees

Facility	Resident		Non-Resident	
	Weekday	Weekend	Weekday	Weekend
State of RI (Proposed)	6.00	7.00	12.00	14.00
State of Mass.	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
State of Conn.*	5.00	7.00	8.00	12.00
Town of Narragansett**	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Charlestown Town Beach	5.00	10.00	5.00	10.00
Second Beach (Middletown)	10.00	15.00	10.00	15.00
Eastons Beach (Newport)	8.00	10.00	8.00	10.00
* Looking to increase during this session				
** Also charges \$4.00 per person				

Fact Sheet
Division of Parks & Recreation
Camping Fees

Current

The Division of Parks & Recreation administers 1,032 sites at four camping facilities, Burlingame, Fisherman's Memorial, Charlestown Breachway, and East Beach/Ninigret. These facilities are in operation from April 15 through October 31st. Approximately \$1.1M was collected in 2001. Rates are set based on hookups. **Fees were last increased in May 1991.**

Division of Parks & Recreation Camping Fees						
Fee Description	Current		Proposed		Increase	
	Resident	Non-resident	Resident	Non-resident	Resident	Non-resident
Electric, Water & Sewer	\$12	\$16	\$20	\$35	\$8	\$19
Electric & Water	\$10	\$14	\$18	\$25	\$8	\$11
No Hookups	\$8	\$12	\$14	\$20	\$6	\$8
2 nd Car Pass	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$6	\$2	\$4

Total camping revenue enhancement is projected at \$585,000.

Comparison

Facility	Rate	Hookups
State of RI (highest rate)	\$ 35.00	water, electricity, sewer
Buck Hill - Pascoag	\$ 15.00	tent
Echo Lake - Burrillville	\$ 20.00	tent
Fort Getty - Jamestown	\$ 17.00	tent
Hickery Ridge - Coventry	\$ 19.00	electricity, water
Oak Embers - West Greenwich	\$ 18.00	electricity, water

Fact Sheet
Division of Fish & Wildlife
Hunting & Fishing Licenses

All fees were last increased in March 1987; non-resident fees were last raised in 1996.

Division of Fish & Wildlife Hunting & Fishing Licenses						
License Type	Current Fee		Number of licenses		Proposed Fees	
Resident Fishing	\$9.50		25,181		\$18	
Non-resident Fishing	\$31.00		1,970		\$35	
Resident Hunting	\$9.50		5,138		\$18	
Non-resident Hunting	\$41.00		1,075		\$45	
Resident Combination	\$15.50		5,168		\$33	
Deer Tags	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Archery	\$7.50	\$25.50	3,725	400	\$12.50	\$25.50
Muzzle Loader	\$7.50	\$25.50	7,372	435	\$12.50	\$25.50
Shotgun	\$7.50	\$25.50	7,330	262	\$12.50	\$25.50

Issuing agent will receive \$1.00 (previously \$0.50) per license

Total enhancement \$433,000

New Fees

License Type	Number of Licenses	Proposed Fee
Turkey Permit (Resident)	1,350	\$ 7.50
Turkey Permit (Non-Res.)	50	\$ 20.00
Pheasant Permit	2,000	\$ 15.50

Issuing agent receives \$0.50 per license

Estimated enhancement \$40,425

Comparison Fees

State	Resident	Non-Resident
RI Fishing License (Proposed)	\$ 18.00	\$ 35.00
Massachusetts	\$ 27.50	\$ 37.50
Connecticut	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00
New Hampshire	\$ 17.75	\$ 29.50
Vermont	\$ 20.00	\$ 38.00
Maine	\$ 20.00	\$ 51.00
RI Hunting License (Proposed)	\$ 18.00	\$ 45.00
Massachusetts	\$ 27.50	\$ 99.50
Connecticut	\$ 10.00	\$ 42.00
New Hampshire	\$ 15.50	\$ 70.50
Vermont	\$ 14.00	\$ 80.00
Maine	\$ 20.00	\$ 124.00

Both Connecticut and Maine are contemplating an increase in fees.